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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BRIEFING AND LEGISLATION

1. NRECA REPS CALLED ON ME TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH FEASIBILITY STUDY THEY ARE UNDERTAKING FOR GPNG FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM IN EAST NEW BRITAIN. THEY REFERRED TO TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION IN 1975 AID BILL WHICH COULD BE TAPPED FOR FUNDING FOR SUCH FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

2. IT SEEMS EVIDENT FROM NRECA REPS COMMENTS THAT GPNG IS FUNDING THREE OF THE FOUR FEASIBILITY STUDIES REFERRED TO IN PORT MORESBY 0268, BUT THAT GPNG WOULD STILL WANT THE FUNDS FOR RELATED WORK IN FIELD OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION. NRECA REPS SEEM CONFIDENT THAT THERE ARE USG SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR PNG RURLA ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM (IN ADDITION TO FEASIBILITY STUDIES), AND WE THINK NRECA REPS MAY HAVE INFORMED GPNG THAT THEY CAN ARRANGE THIS FINANCING.

3. WE FEEL VERY MUCH IN THE DARK ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF USG FUNDS FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION. WE ARE ALSO UNCLEAR

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ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF NRECA TO AID AND ABOUT NRECA'S

AUTHORITY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF AID. IN VIEW OF HIGH LEVEL
INTEREST HERE WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE FULLY
INFORMED. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THOROUGH BRIEFING FROM
HAROLD NELSON ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN HE IS HERE. HOPE NELSON
WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN DETAIL WITH AID PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.
WILL NELSON PLEASE BRING COPY OF 1975 AID LEGISLATION AND RELATED
DOCUMENTS ABOUT US G FINANCING OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
ABROAD AS BACKUP TO HIS ORAL BRIEFING.
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